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Behind The Flying Saucers

"The mere existence of some yet unidentified flying objects necessitates a constant vigilance on the part of the civilian population."

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Luke 21:25-26.

WHAT are flying saucers?

Where do they come from — Russia, some other country on this earth, or from Mars or Venus?

Are they piloted by living men or do they fly by remote control?

Have three flying saucers been found on this continent and a fourth on the Sahara Desert? And if so, what has happened to them?

Did the saucers found, have bodies of three-foot-high men inside, and if so, what has happened to them?

Was the metal alloy of the saucers of a type unknown at present on this earth?

Is it possible to utilize the magnetic forces of the universe for interplanetary travel?

Is it scientifically possible for an object to navigate from Venus to the earth in less than an hour?

Who is Dr. Gee and what off-the-record revelations about flying saucers did he make?

Why has the Department of Defense been so close-mouthed and evasive about "Operation Saucer"?

Were there magnetic radios and time-pieces, and an amazing type of concentrated food found in the saucers?

Frank Scully, veteran newspaperman and author, seems to have the answers. He has made an exhaustive study of the flying saucers and believes them to be visitors from some other planet. His new book, "Behind

the Flying Saucers," answers the above questions and many more of a similar nature.

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MR. SCULLY points an accusing finger at the United States Air Force and charges that officials are manipulating a shrewd scheme to keep the public in the dark ... on the assumption that panic would sweep the nation if the truth was to be published. He gives the following log:

On June 24, 1947, Kenneth Arnold, a businessman of Boise, Idaho ... flying his own plane, reported seeing nine gleaming disks, in the area of Mount Rainier "in a diagonal chain-like line as if they were linked together" (he said).

On August 9, 1947, Lieutenant Donald Springer, speaking for the Air Force, announced there was no basis for belief that the mysterious objects actually existed. This, in spite of the fact that the Washington Pentagon had been recording sightings since January 1947.

On or about the middle of January 1948, the Air Force announced that "Project Saucer" was being organized for the purpose of collating information and running down reports.

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On April 27, 1949, a preliminary report was issued which stated:

"The mere existence of some yet unidentified flying objects necessitates a constant vigilance on the part of Project 'Saucer' personnel, and on the part of the civilian population.

"Answers have been — and will be — drawn from such factors as guided missile research activity, balloons, astronomical phenomena ... But there are still question marks.

"Possibilities that the saucers are foreign aircraft have also been considered ... But observations based on nuclear power plant research in this country label as 'highly improbable' the existence on Earth of engines small enough to have powered the saucers.

"Intelligent life on Mars is not impossible but is completely unproven. The possibility of intelligent life on the Planet Venus is not considered completely unreasonable by astronomers. The saucers are not jokes. Neither are they cause for alarm."

On December 27, 1949, a spokesman for the Air Force announced that "Project Saucer" had been closed. The whole thing was labeled a farce. But over-emphasis and strong language weakened the statement. Persons believing in saucers were practically dubbed psychopaths and hoaxers.

On December 30, 1949, the Air Force gave newspapermen a secret report which contained these words:

"It will never be possible to say with certainty that any individual did not see a space ship, an enemy missile, or some other object."

Referring to the possibility of visitors from space spying on us, the document continued:

"Such a civilization might observe that on Earth we now have atomic bombs and are fast developing rockets. In view of the past history of man-

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Christmas In The Heart

Sermon Of The Month

Dr. William Ward Ayer ... New York City

WHEN CHRIST was born, most of the important people missed the first Christmas. The Wise Men asked the Jerusalem leaders: "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

Herod the King, deeply interested, asked the Chief Priests, the Scribes and the Wise Men where the Messiah should be born, and they told him: "In Bethlehem of Judaea; for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda; for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

But Herod did not trouble himself to see the King. Later he sent his soldiers to kill the Baby, but the bird had flown from its nest.

Stranger still was the attitude of the Priests. Apparently they had the Messianic prophecy on the tip of their tongues and quoted it glibly to Herod. They did not, however, follow their knowledge with action. They made no pilgrimage to Bethlehem to see the King about whom they quoted prophecy. In other words, they knew all about Christmas but missed it.

Millions in our land are missing Christmas today for they know only the outer accompaniments and little of its inner content. A few, like the shepherds and the Wise Men have Christmas in their hearts. They alone know the true meaning of Christmas.

I have endeavored to preach sound doctrine at Christmastime, to give the theological meaning and significance of the angels' song over the Judean hills and of the Wise Men and the shepherds who came to Bethlehem's Manger. I have also spoken of John's thundering theological treatise, of the glorious incarnation: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

At this season may God lead us all to Bethlehem and so worship as to get Christmas in our hearts.

IF WE ARE TO HAVE CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART IT MUST BEGIN LONG BEFORE CHRISTMAS DAY.

We are becoming inveterate celebrators of days and seasons, and like



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stage people we often become "quick-change artists."

Intensely patriotic, we have flags on July 4, and wear garments of praise and thankfulness with considerable awkwardness the last Thursday of November. We plunge along pell-mell with world life and religious indifference until a week previous to Easter and then put on the robes of piety and celebrate Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Off we go into normalcy of life again.

Radio programs are making fixations of these periodic moods. Needing "occasions" to help build up variety in their programs, radio plays up the seasons' sentiment, weaving them threadbare as they drain the last drop of possible humor, color, drama, music and what not from the psychology of the season. They sing "Silent Night! Holy Night!" and "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" for a week without a quail of conscience or a blush of shame, and switch abruptly into the hilarious "Auld Lang Syne" or "How Dry I Am" to celebrate the New Year.

The true Christmas spirit, however, is perennial. Who can say exactly on what day of the year Christmas begins if our hearts are in tune with the Infinite? Autumn passes, but it seems too soon to think of winter. Thanksgiving is rich in meditation upon the goodness of God. Then we suddenly begin to feel within us a quickening and a warmth, an overflowing of good will to all the world, and we know that Christmas has begun in our hearts.

Beware, however, lest we are plunged into Christmas thoughtlessly, lest in hurrying and scurrying about on errands, however dear, we find ourselves like those in Bethlehem who went to the Inn, but failed to see the Manger. Millions are so busy preparing the Inn that they neglect the Manger.

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Our lives can easily become so filled with festivity and merriment that there will be no room for the real meaning of Christmastime — that God has inserted Himself into world life in the person of His Son. Gift giving, without a vision of "God's unspeakable gift," leaves us defrauded by the husks and wearied by the tinsel.

II. IF WE ARE TO KNOW CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART WE MUST REJECT THE WORLD'S COUNTERFEIT CHRISTMAS.

Christmastime has become so crowded with "outwardness," for many the content is gone. The gift trumpery—the color, the paraphernalia — instead of being the decorative element of solid appreciation, has become the central idea. It is essentially counterfeit and can easily degenerate into a mere celebration cheapened by chunks of dead materialism.

It is the Inn, and not the Manger and its contents that seemingly interest us. But the Inn always crumbles into the dust of oblivion; the Manger remains. The Inn is Christmas outwardness; the Manger is Christ!

"Christmas added to this world of outside experience is really only one more burden laid on our bent backs. Christmas, with its plethora of grinning cards to be addressed, is only one more mockery, promising peace and giving us only tiredness.

"For Christmas cannot be added to the outside, if it is to be really Christmas. Christmas must come to us from within, and must be an inner event,

for it is part of that kingdom of God which is within us — that kingdom for want of which the present world, shut out and glutted with its own mocking treasure, is quickly driving itself to distraction!" — So wrote Margaret Lee Runbeck.

What have we done about Christmas preparations? We have our gifts wrapped? Yes. We have the tree decorated and the meal prepared? Yes. But have we neglected to prepare our hearts? Bishop Brooks knew the truth when he wrote ...

O holy child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today.

Only the heart can truly celebrate Christmas. Many of God's people have little better than the world's counterfeit. When we have this Christmas within, its glory and beauty can transform all our outward circumstances.

Available to us is the "Transforming Presence," abiding through the destructiveness of the passing years. As the grey years tear away more and more of the fabric of life, it is satisfying to know that Jesus the Babe was born in Bethlehem and is our "constant contemporary."

Sir Robert Scott, British explorer, ordering the party to turn their dog teams back from the South Pole to make the long perilous journey to their boat, never reached it, for blizzards made traveling impossible, and one after another of the party died out there in the antarctic waste.

Many months later a rescue party found Captain Scott's tent, and in his

diary almost the last entry written with frozen fingers, was: "As we sit here in this barren waste we think of home and our beloved ones ... Yet we are cheered for it seems that there are three of us here, not just two. It is Jesus and His presence that comforts us. All along He seems to have journeyed with us."

In contradistinction to this is the story of an old Negro woman who lived in a rude cabin in the hills of Virginia. All her family had died. When a traveler passing by called out a friendly greeting and asked who lived there, she answered gaily, "Nobody but me and Jesus."

We must have a deep consciousness of this living presence in the drab world this Christmastime, the Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

III. WITH CHRISTMAS IN OUR HEARTS WE SHALL APPROPRIATE THE BLESSINGS THAT CHRIST'S COMING PROMISED THE WORLD.

Many complain that the angel song has never been fulfilled. True, but "peace on earth" was less a prophecy than a proclamation. Peace was available, the angels said, to men of good will. But men have rejected that peace.

The world totters on the edge of the abyss of another war, but for those who have let Christ in, there is peace, for everything that Christ came to bring is available to our hearts this Christmastime. He is to bring peace to the world, but now there is personal peace: the peace of pardon.

There is also the peace of trust — the realization that no matter what state the world is in we are safe in God's keeping, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you."

And there is the peace of waiting for Christ's coming and Kingdom. The prophecies concerning Christ's Kingdom are to have terrible fulfillment. This world is to be judged and purified. Righteousness is to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

So we celebrate Christmas within our hearts, letting the world's counterfeit go by. We shall lay hold upon Jesus with our hearts, in the sincerity that the baby's hands lay hold upon the bright Christmas toy. Perhaps there will be a new miracle for us if we do.

Many years ago, when Helen Keller was a young girl, shut out from all communication with the world by the impenetrable curtain of blindness and the prison wall of deafness, her teacher

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labored with her for hours trying to get a message through. Then came the day when the teacher wanted her to learn about God.

Who could be better fitted than the great preacher, Phillips Brooks, to let the sunlight of God's love in? Bishop Brooks was asked to let the little girl

place her fingertips on his lips as he talked in simple language about God and His revelation in the person of Jesus Christ. The features of Helen Keller began to work as her body grew tense and rigid. Suddenly she could stand it no longer and she cried out: "I knew Him! I knew Him! I did not know His name, but I knew Him!"

May God grant us at this Christmas season some such new experience with the inner content of Christianity, that our eyes might be brightened and our hearts lightened, so that we may really know Christmas in the heart.



WASHINGTON REPORT

By Upton Close

HELLO Defender readers! This is Upton Close, reporting from Capitol Hill.

An amusing spectacle from the news: The horseplay going on at Ellis Island and other entry ports. Scores of people from other countries who fought Russia and are bitter against Communism, are being detained or turned back under the new law meant to exclude Communists.

I am sure this is uproariously funny to the socialists and pinks and organizations who fought the law so hard, and that make a profession of protecting the civil rights of Communists, but at the same time destroying the civil rights of anti-Communists. This gang interferes with the civil rights of anyone who exposes Communism, by calling him Fascist or anti-Semite or anti-labor. They intimidate those who do business with him, in the effort to destroy his right to free expression and even to make a living.

Now, something else that seemed funny to certain people, was the fuss over flags during United Nations week, and since. But it has a mighty serious side.

United Nations week did not accomplish much for United Nations, but it showed up the people among us who want to get rid of the United States, even before there is anything to put in place of national authority. Many internationalists and World Federalists tried to put the United Nations flag *above* the Stars and Stripes. Some insisted on displaying the flag of Soviet Russia along with Old Glory and the flags of other nations.

In some places, local authorities upheld the strange flag. In others,

those who objected to putting the United Nations flag above or in place of Old Glory, were supported by the police and other authorities.

In Colorado, Attorney General Metzger tried to enforce a state law prohibiting the display of the Russian flag. A local American Legion adjutant opposed him — a very strange action for a legionnaire! Said this Mr. Binder: "Russia is a member of the United Nations. It's not up to the Legion post or the city of Denver to dictate to the United Nations."

I wonder if Mr. Binder believes it is up to the United Nations to dictate to the city of Denver or the Legion post, that they *shall* fly the Russian flag? I wonder if Denver taxpayers are not a little baffled at being forced to give their money and sons to fight Russian imperialism, while at the same time being forced to do honor to the Russian flag.

Does Adjutant Binder think the American flag or even the United Nations flag, is flown in Soviet Russia or elsewhere in the Communist world today? Does he think that in Russia or any other country in the whole

world, the United Nations flag would be flown *above* the national flag?

How silly, as well as rude, to put the United Nations flag *above* Old Glory. United Nations authority does not exist. The idea of the United Nations is the equal participation of sovereign nations in cooperative action.

People who try to put our own nation underneath some other authority have impractical minds because there is no higher authority as yet to put ourselves under. And they have perverted minds that psychologists call *masochist*, which means trying to make useless sacrifices of themselves and their kin.

If United Nations authority did exist, or if a World Federalist government could be created today, our Defense Department under Marshall would not be striving so hard to bring about a united European command to stand against Russia. That is the chief anxiety of our neck-deep government right now.

But something more important and scandalous has come up than this alien flag worship by misguided or reu-

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rotic citizens. That is the deliberate disrespect for the Stars and Stripes and the breaking of federal law by that executive department which has grown into a cancerous monster, considering itself bigger than all the rest of the government and us citizens combined — the Department of State.

The State Department gave a reception on United Nations Day. It put the Stars and Stripes in 57th place at the foot of the stairway! Any government in the world, honoring other governments, puts its own flag at the head of the flag procession. United States law requires this arrangement, called "protocol." Our State Department is the official custodians of protocol.

Let me quote from the angry declaration issued by Senator Edward Martin of Pennsylvania, a general in the U.S. Army, a war hero: "The shameful action of the State Department in displaying the Flag of the United States below that of 56 other nations is so shocking that I shall ask an investigation by the Senate. Those responsible are not qualified to represent the Flag. I shall ask that they be ousted. In addition to their disrespect for the Flag, they have defied the intent of a Congressional resolution which forbids placing any flag above the Stars and Stripes."

Senator Martin then says he is informed that a State Department official asserted: "Since the Congressional resolution carries no penalty, no one need obey it."

If it's a matter of obeying only because there are penalties, how about Congress putting a few penalties on State Department boys who betray and flout the Flag and people they are sworn and hired to serve?

Funny, too, and serious at the same time, have been the State Department's bulletins that red China would not send aid to the red Koreans. More wishful thinking! And surely we who are paying and dying now to fight off Communist aggressors would enjoy a belly laugh at millionaire Averill Harriman's bland statement that he and his crew — who turned the world over to Stalin, underestimated Red perfidy.

But it's an evil joke on us that Truman is putting this trustful Harriman individual in charge of our Russian relations again.

The big laugh of the hour is the Filipino gentleman's comeback at our self-righteous, striped-pants boys who said Chiang Kai-shek's government was corrupt and should be replaced, and who say Syngman Rhee's Korean government is corrupt and must be kept from taking North Korea, and one of whom, an Acheson associate named Bell, has written up the vulnerable Philippines government. Sooner or later some Asiatic was bound to bite back, and it came right at election time.

"In the matter of graft and corruption," it read, "Filipinos are mere pikers compared to their more accomplished and eminently successful mentors. With more time and greater chances they will yet show that they can equal or even surpass the stink familiar and now taken for granted in Washington. The Filipinos are getting it in the neck because they are not rich enough to cover up their own stink and be lofty and moral about it before a devastated and hungry world."

I was in Lufkin, Texas a few days ago and I talked with a man who was in the struggle against Communism from the start, and suffered a lot for it. His name is Martin Dies. He was 14 years in Congress.

Do you remember his Un-American Activities Committee which was smear-

ed for exposing Communists in addition to anti-Semites? Texas people are proud of Martin Dies today, and he still looks extraordinarily young and in fighting trim.

Well, I invited him to share time with me on my nation-wide broadcast for the week and this is the way we chatted into the microphone:

"Mr. Dies, would you tell us how it looks to you today, after what you did back there and after what you suffered for doing?

"DIES: Well, about 95 per cent of our findings have been confirmed by subsequent events, by things that have happened in the past five or six years.

"Many of the people we exposed as far back as 1938 and who denied they were Communists and were defended by the Roosevelt Administration have since been convicted and it is now unanimously agreed that they were Communists. In fact, many of them, like Lee Pressman and Nathan Witt and John Abt and others who denounced the Committee and called us pro-Fascist because we exposed them, have now confessed that they were Communists at the time we exposed them.

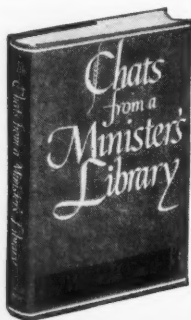
"In fact, I have made a careful check. From 1938 to 1945 we exposed two thousand government officials and employees who were involved in the Communist conspiracy. You probably recall that as a result of that expose, President Roosevelt issued a public statement in which he characterized our procedure as sordid.

"CLOSE: Sordid was the first word, and then it became 'Red Herring.'

"DIES: That's right. In recent months I checked that list against the government records and found that 95 per cent of the two thousand we exposed have been quietly let out of the government service or transferred out of Washington. In other words, it wasn't done with any publicity. It was done by permitting them to resign.

"CLOSE: Yes.

"DIES: So that while they didn't want to acknowledge that they had



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permitted these two thousand to stay on the public payroll for ten years after they had been exposed as Communists, nevertheless, they did fear them and got rid of them by the expedient of permitting them to resign. That's just one illustration. Of course there are many others.

"CLOSE: They taught people to hate us because we exposed them. Now they are exposed but the people still carry

that hangover of teaching they got from these subversives.

"DIES: There is just one thing I hope happens, Upton. When you get back to Washington I would like very much for Mrs. Roosevelt to make a frank confession. Do you suppose you could get that done? Dorothy Thompson made a very frank confession.

"CLOSE: Well, I don't know anybody who can be sure of getting a

confession out of Mrs. Roosevelt. But it has been mighty fine to have you with us, Mr. Dies."

And that, Defender readers, is my story for you from the Capital this month.

Yours truly,
Upton Close

POLIO SUCCESSFULLY TREATED

By Dr. Adrian Nichols . . . St. Louis Missouri

Among the enlightening addresses delivered at the annual convention of the Christian Medical Research League . . . in Detroit last September, was one by Dr. Adrian Nichols of St. Louis, Missouri — in which he explained the use of Koch therapy in treating Poliomyelitis. The text of his message is reproduced below. Case histories of cures were presented.

POLIOMYELITIS, or as it is called in our schools, anterior-poliomyelitis, affects the anterior horn of the spinal cord, which, being motor in its action, causes victims of this dread scourge to become crippled. Because the motor tract of the cord and brain has been interrupted, those affected are no longer able to walk or handle themselves.

The malady leaves its victims helpless, in most cases, and unable to move around with their fellow men as they were accustomed to do before being stricken. Polio is worse than cancer, for the latter patients die in a few months or a year or two if denied the Koch therapy. But victims of polio may be left wholly or partially helpless for days, weeks, months, years or a lifetime.

Today, when walking along the streets of any city or town in the world,

one usually notices some poor individual limping with his or her feet spread out and the knees buckling so that it is hard for them to navigate. They may be on crutches, or be wearing braces on one or both legs, besides using crutches.

To me, there are few more pitiable sights than to see a child, boy or man dragging his poor body along, trying to be cheerful yet hardly able to stay on his feet. It is even worse to see a girl, young woman or middle aged woman trying to make her way along a busy street hampered by leg braces and crutches. We expect our women to be able to get around easily and to be active.

This pitiful picture could be avoided, if some action or movement were started that would draw the attention of our federal courts, or the legislative bodies of our cities, states and national

Congress to this terrible scourge and the reason for its continuation . . . that is, the part the Polio Foundation takes in belittling the only remedy there is today, the Koch therapy. By so doing, the Foundation continues to collect large sums of money from people, most of whom believe that the medical profession can do no wrong.

Mothers' and fathers' clubs should adopt a long-range program to negate the propaganda of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis and its affiliates, through the press and pulpit, as well as by the radio. By petitions to city councils, the state legislatures and to the United States Congress, these clubs could show and prove to those bodies that the propaganda issued by the National Foundation is not to be relied upon.

If their voices are loud and persistent enough, action will be taken. Petition Congress to hold hearings on polio. Cite them to the methods the Polio Foundation uses to collect monies from the public without rendering fair returns. Then petition the Congress to annul any and all restrictions placed against the Christian Medical Research League, which hampers the use of the Koch therapy. Enlist the services of one or more Senators and the same in the House of Representatives to take the matter up in their respective bodies and to write laws and introduce them

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in both houses at the same time, giving the true facts in the case. The aim would be the nullification of the present injunction standing against the Koch therapy.

It is my pleasure today to present two cases of poliomyelitis which were acute on the 6th of August last year. One is Miss Jennie Annabel Whitener, age thirteen years at that time; the other is Miss Karen Mae Whitener, age nine years when the injection was given.

They had been ordered to the Isolation Hospital in St. Louis and to get them there as quickly as possible. The father, Homer S. Whitener, of Farmington, Missouri, telephoned me at three o'clock in the afternoon of the 5th of August and asked for advice.

I told him to bring the girls to St. Louis to my office as quickly as possible, even if it were midnight or after, without fail. He brought them and I gave each an injection of Glyoxylide, at 1:30 A.M. Sunday morning, the 6th of August, 1949. They were taken back home immediately. Each of the girls had one leg paralyzed, and the muscles of their backs, arms and necks were becoming stiff and rigid.

Mr. Whitener, the father, called me on the next Wednesday morning, three days later to say that the girls had just come down stairs and they were normal. I had the father bring them back once or twice for treatment and observation, but had not seen them for nearly a year. Then about a month ago they returned to me owing to some difficulty with their vision.

They are both doing nicely and you will observe when they walk across the platform that they have the appearance of healthy young ladies. I will lay on the table a copy of the *Farmington News*, the newspaper published in the town where they live, which contains a sworn statement by the parents of these two girls, setting forth the facts

even more specifically than I have stated them. You will notice that the statement shows the vision of both young ladies to be improving.

It is wonderfully satisfying to clear up acute cases in this manner, and it should be provided by law that all acute cases should be so handled instead of by the Polio Foundation method, which is slow death. The above will suffice for the acute cases of polio. Chronic polio is worthy of much consideration.

I affirm on the basis of experience that most chronic cases can be cured by the Koch therapy if only the victims can be persuaded to take the treatment. There is so much opposition through criminal propaganda, that it often results in crippling for these poor deluded and misinformed victims and their families. Too often friends are our worst enemies in dealing with sicknesses. They mean well, but lack knowledge and their minds are frequently clouded by prejudice. You will find that the public is always opposed to that about which it is not informed. Eighty-five per cent of the people do little thinking for themselves. They are of the "me too" class, who always vote as they are told. Ten per cent of the people "think that they think," but only five per cent really think. Test your acquaintances and you will find this is true. Then begin to educate yourself and think for yourself. Truth will live. The Koch therapy is truth.

March 30, 1949, a young man nineteen years of age, named John Shelton, of Chesterfield, Missouri, was brought to me suffering from polio. He was carried into my office. After eight months in the Isolation Hospital, he had been sent to me in a wheel chair. They were unable to get him onto his feet, even with braces and crutches. He came to me after three years of this kind of imprisonment.

I gave him the injection of Glyoxylide. Today that young man goes to school by bus. He drives his automom-

bile, plays ball and walks everywhere without the use of his crutches. Is he proud and happy? Is he?

Miss Lucy May Arth, twenty years of age and living in the same district as John Shelton, was stricken when eight years of age. To complicate it, when just three months old she had taken a mouthful of lye out of a can setting by her high chair. This drew her mouth out of shape so she could hardly be understood. Her legs were spastic and she walked jerkily, even with crutches.

I gave her the injection of Glyoxylide May 5, 1949. Her friends say that she walks around now without crutches and the spasticity of the legs has gone. She helps with the house work, whereas she had previously to be waited on all the time. Her mother had to give her baths, but now she takes her own. Before, she could not sit in the rear seat of an automobile by herself, but now she holds herself erect without assistance. Moreover, one can easily understand everything she says, for her mouth is no longer drawn out of shape.

Mrs. Georgia Kneipper, living in Illinois, forty-six years of age, had polio for thirty-two years. She walked with two crutches, but could not stand on her feet without them. She wore no braces, but had to sit down, except when on the crutches.

I gave her the injection of Glyoxylide on September 18, 1949. Three months ago she went home in perfect health, without the use of a crutch or cane. She does all the house work and shopping at the friend's home where she is staying. It she happy?

Two other patients are lovely little girls from Devil's Elbow, Missouri. One, eleven years of age has had polio since she was eighteen months old. Her little sister, age three, has had it for six months. I gave them both the injection on April 15, 1950. The older one, Emmogene Ross, wore braces on both legs as well as a body-brace and walked with two crutches. The younger sister, Glenda Faye Ross, wore a brace on the left leg.

She took the brace off after a couple of weeks and will not put it on again. She walks well and has only a slightly noticeable limp. Emmogene has discarded all of her braces and walks only with her crutches. She is growing stronger, and in my office, walks with-

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out the crutches. I had hoped to have her strong enough to bring with me, but she is hardly able. Another month and she will be walking without her crutches. She had a bad curvature of the spine, but I have corrected that. These are both sweet girls whom anyone would love.

I have another case, Mrs. Helen Jenney, of Youngstown, Ohio, who is thirty-eight years of age and has had polio for three years. She has two children, a son nine years of age, and a daughter four. I gave her the injection on August 17, 1950. She wears a brace on her right leg and walks with two crutches. I have been trying to push her recovery so that I could bring her to the convention as an example of what can be done with these cases, but I could not make it.

Mrs. Jenney is a beautiful young matron with a college education who will make a name for herself in the literary field. She has encountered resistance and objections from all sides, but has been reading everything she can get regarding the Koch therapy, and I feel she is now well informed.

I thank you for your kind attention.

AFFIDAVIT

Farmington, Missouri
August 29, 1949

TO WHOM It May Concern:

We, the undersigned, who are the parents of Jennie Annabel, age 13, and Karen Mae, age 9, make this statement of our own free will upon request of Dr. A. D. Nichols, 1222 American Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., that polio victims might be cured of their afflictions, as well as other diseases by Koch therapy.

On Wednesday, July 26, 1949, our two girls took down with a fever. On the 27th, we took them to our family doctor, Dr. L. M. Stanfield, who gave them a shot of penicillin and said the symptoms showed polio, also one of the girls showed typhoid fever or it could be undulant fever. We brought them home and put them to bed and began to doctor them like we were told they doctored in the hospitals, and that was to administer hot, wet packs to afflicted parts as well as massaging them.

On Saturday, Aug. 6th, we took them back to Dr. Stanfield, who drew the blood for a test, and said come back Tuesday or Wednesday for report on same. Arrangements were made also, to have the polio test with our County Health doctor, Dr. S. A. Lanzafame, who drew the fluid and made the test, about 12 o'clock noon, August 6th. I called him at 3 o'clock the same day for report. He advised it was polio and that he had made arrangements to receive them

at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Louis, and for me to get them up there as quickly as possible.

I told him I intended to call a doctor in St. Louis first, who claimed to have a cure for polio. He advised against it. Also Dr. Stanfield told me he thought I was very foolish to take them to Dr. Nichols in St. Louis instead of sending them to St. Anthony's Hospital. Dr. Lanzafame also told me that the A.M.A., with all the millions behind it, would be using it if there was a cure for polio.

We got the girls, who were becoming paralyzed in their backs, legs and hips—both of them were unable to bend over, to Dr. Nichols' office in St. Louis, around 10:30 St. Louis time, that same night. Between 12 o'clock and 1 o'clock, he came in and gave an injection to each one of them. We brought them home and you could see an improvement in Annabel's condition on the way.

On the following Tuesday, August 9th, we could see a marked improvement in their condition and a daily improvement since. Their soreness and lameness was beginning to leave them. We took them back to Dr. Nichols on the following dates for Osteopathic rubs; August 13th, August 20th, and August 28th.

On August 12th, I got the report from Dr. Stanfield on blood test not expecting anything other than polio. Annabel's test showed typhoid fever. He said to bring her in for another blood test but to date have not been back. Annabel vomited on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday after receiving injections, but not since.

Before the injection of Glyoxylide, they were helpless in their backs and legs, could not bend over to wash their feet or put on shoes and stockings. Karen Mae could hardly walk, affliction in her left leg; she fell down twice before injection, while trying to walk.

At the present date of writing, August 29, 1949, they are well along the road to recovery and show very little effects of the polio and Annabel none of the effects of the typhoid fever, with exception of loss in weight. Are eating good and feel good. There is a cure for polio, however contrary this remark is to the A.M.A. statements. At least we find it so with our two girls.

Mrs. Dolly M. Whitener
Homer S. Whitener

State of Missouri,
County of St. Francois:

On this 29th day of August, 1949, before me personally appeared Homer S. Whitener and Mrs. Dolly M. Whitener, to me known to be the parties who executed the foregoing testimony and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

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CHRIST'S BRETHREN

A review of Dr. Lowry's new book on the
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*"Early Christians did not take their family tree
with them to church. No racial priorities existed in
the minds of the Apostles."*

"CHRIST'S BRETHREN" is the title of a new book by Dr. Cecil J. Lowry, which Bible-believing Christians should read with an open mind.

It will clear up a great deal of confused thinking among those who subscribe to the mistaken theory that unbelieving Jews are "God's chosen people."

Some well-meaning Bible students hold, rather nebulously, to the idea of "racial salvation." They would object to having it called by this name ... but their views add up to *exactly that!*

They have accepted as fact, certain pre-digested fallacies, promoted by Judaizers.

Those who believe in Jewish superiority over other races, are indebted to the Talmud rather than the Word of God, for their ideas.

The early Church encountered a similar problem. Paul used stern measures when faced with the necessity of weeding out the tares of Judaism, which had taken root in the field of the Church.

In Galatians 1:13-15, he wrote repudiating the "Jews' religion," because, "It pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace."

The apostle was born a Jew, of his mother's womb. But in accepting Christ, his nationality was swallowed up by God's grace and he became a member of the *new creation*.

Acts 4:12 forever invalidates the untenable, unscriptural notion of Jewish favoritism. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

The reference is, of course, to the name of Christ — which the Jews as a nation blaspheme by their rejection. God knows no racial preferment.

Dr. Lowry rejects the widely accepted view, that the term "brethren," found in such New Testament passages as Matthew 25:40, should be interpreted as flattering references to Jewry. This explains why he chose the words, "Christ's Brethren" as the title for his book.

From this premise, the text broadens into a Scriptural discussion, covering the entire field of Christian and Jewish relations. In four chapters, the Author smashes with devastating effect, various Judaistic philosophies currently expounded by certain misguided Bible teachers.

Persons poisoned by propaganda pouring from the mills of the "National Conference of Christians and Jews," also need to read what Dr. Lowry has written.

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"Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

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But since misleading doctrines have been initiated, Dr. Lowry decided to prepare a treatise on the subject — a work which readers will generally agree, brings with it the stamp of finality. His views are in accordance with the teachings of the Church fathers.

The document considers two opposing doctrines and different schools of thought. First, the position of present-day racists which makes the physical seed of Jacob to be Christ's brethren, and ... second, the Scriptural position which declares that born again believers, regardless of race, are Christ's true brethren.

Our Lord was not a racist, says the Author. He did not come to disseminate racial philosophy or to exalt one race above another ... but rather, to teach that His Father was no respecter of persons.

Early Christians did not take their "family tree" with them to Church. No racial priorities existed in the minds of the Apostles. The doctrine of the Church has always been that men gain special privileges, and sustain a favored relationship with God only through becoming His children by supernatural regeneration.

"The racial heresy of the Pharisees is paraded in the historical records of Christ's ministry," writes Dr. Lowry. "We are Abraham's seed," they boasted, but the Lord's rejoinder was quite different. 'Ye are of your father the devil,' was His verdict."

Jesus charged the rabbis with the destruction of the Scriptures through their unsavory traditions. In reality, He was condemning their vicious and voluminous Talmudic writings which had their origin in Babylon during the captivity. The Talmud supercedes the Old Testament as the "sacred book of the Jews," and only a glance at its contents is necessary to see that these "traditions" are the fountainhead of present-day racism.

How contrary to the age old doctrines of the Church are these teachings of Jewish superiority! Strangely, they are being promoted today by certain dogmatic teachers who too often give the impression that they regard themselves as being infallible.

Even though Jews be found infidels, agnostics, Communists and evolutionists, they are regarded by these ultra-dispensationalists as "untouchable" and beyond the level of criticism. No such

nonsense is remotely suggested in the New Testament.

"The racists have bound the Creator hand and foot by their ropes woven of human blood and mythical covenants," writes Dr. Lowry. "God's great prophetic clock is supposed to have stopped dead in its tracks, because the Jews no longer cooperate with Him. Have they forgotten that had it not been for the intercession of Moses, God would have destroyed the entire nation? God's program marches on. His clock *never* stops."

The "non-destructibility" of the Jewish race is supposed by some to be a tremendous point in the prophetic plan which they have evolved. But, post-diluvian history knows of the destruction of no race, says Dr. Lowry. The term "genocide" is a word of recent coinage, having no historical or literal value.

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CHAPTER TWO is entitled "Christ's Brethren Are Christians," and among other important matters, considers the question of the nationality of Jesus.

Dr. Lowry grinds no axes in his book. He makes a transparent search for truth and maintains a cool head toward controversial issues.

Jesus was of mixed parentage, even if it is admitted that Mary contributed to His humanity. He never once spoke of Himself as a Jew, but always as the Son of Man.

The entire house of Jacob, from the beginning, was a mixed race. Descendants of Abraham have a hereditary background that includes Egyptian, Canaanitish, Babylonian, Assyrian, Moabites and Persian blood. They constantly intermarried. The same holds true to this day. David was as mixed racially as the average Englishman, and Solomon's mother was a Hittite. These facts are upsetting to our modern theological racists.

"The Bible records show that the races of humanity are represented in Christ's human nature, which nature was made sinless by the miracle of His divine conception," says Dr. Lowry.

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ry. "He became a kinsman of the entire race; truly the son of the human race, and the Son of God.

"To prove that heredity has no connection with Christ's great Brotherhood, He stretched His hand toward His disciples, saying, 'Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.' If racial affinity constituted men as Christ's brethren, He would have pointed toward His own mother and brethren. Since He passed them by, the race issue is excluded once and forever."

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CHAPTER THREE, entitled "The Holy Universal Church," silhouettes the main issue of the controversy against a Scriptural background, namely . . . the effect of Judaistic doctrines in the life of the Church.

A corollary of the racial heresy is that Christ's Church was improvised to meet an emergency, brought into ex-

istence to carry on God's work until such time as the Jews should be ready to take it up again.

For nearly two thousand years, Christians have taught that the Church was born of God; that she, the New Covenant Israel of God, superseded literal Israel by divine appointment, and that this succession was decreed by God before the creation of the world. Theological racism would negate this concept.

The Church fathers believed in the eternal nature of the Church. Premillennialists, such as Tertullian and Justin Martyr, defended it potently. Eusebius, Origen, Augustine and Jerome stood shoulder to shoulder in the teaching that the Church was anticipated in the mind of God.

Dr. Lowry writes: "This traditional doctrine, with its Apostolic authority, was never challenged, except by Judaism, until the middle of the last century, when something 'new under the Christian sun' was born. Its birthplaces were England and Ireland. Its father was a British theologian; its mother was ancient Pharisaism.

"When this abortive child opened its mother's womb, and saw the light of day, it bore the marks of the racism in which it was conceived. This mongrel immediately opened its mouth to speak, in the name of 'newly revealed' or 'present-day truth.' One of its chief revelations has been that the Church was not seen by the prophets . . . that the prophecies contain a message for literal Israel only, and as a result of Israel's rejection of their King, the Church was sandwiched in between their rejection and restoration."

This teaching, to Dr. Lowry, is nothing short of blasphemy. He wishes to know how one could hope to reconcile it with the plain statement of the

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Master that, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against my church."

The ultra-dispensationalists are fond of quoting one of their leaders, prominent in fundamentalism, who believes that Israel's rejection of the King stopped God's prophetic clock. "The prophetic clock stopped at Calvary," he says. "Not one tick has been heard since." According to this man, all prophecy concerns itself with literal Israel.

Such teaching impugns the honor of Jesus Christ and His Church. The Cross is the central theme of divine revelation. The Church holds a dominant place in Old Testament prophecy and the Atonement of Christ is everywhere to be seen. Our Lord did not offer to Israel a literal kingdom, the rejection of which "stopped God's clock." When certain misguided disciples tried, by force, to make Him a king, He brushed them aside.

"It never once occurred to the Apostles that the Church was not established in fulfillment of the prophecies. To them, our dispensation formed a part of time to be ticked off by God's great clock of prophecy."

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CHAPTER FOUR, entitled "Christ Defends His Brethren," carefully considers the types and symbols of the Old Testament, which pointed toward the appearance of the Church in the world.

The teaching is divided under four subheadings: (1) Abraham is a symbol of the Church. (2) God will bless His Church. (3) Christ will bless those who bless the Church. (4) God will curse those who curse Christians.

There remains no doubt, according to Dr. Lowry, that the promise, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee," belongs to the Church.

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DR. LOWRY has written a valuable book, which will be received with great interest among those who love Christ and His Church. It repudiates a brand of racism which is spreading confusion among God's people. Christ knew of but one brother-

hood—a universal one, including all who are born from above and saved by grace, with racial relationships dissolved in the "new creation."

The Author holds the degree of Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy. He was for several years principal of Southwestern Bible Institute . . . and is presently the Pastor of a large Church in Oakland, California. He is a finished scholar and editor of *The Christian Vanguard*.

His book comes at an opportune time and should be given the widest possible distribution in evangelical Christian circles. Fortunately, it is priced within the reach of everyone. (Fifty cents the copy or five dollars a dozen.)

Christianity Is Different

Geraldine Winrod Korell

Meditating on the subject of the evening, a question presented itself to me, which I feel we should try briefly to answer:

I. WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

After almost 2,000 years, it may seem strange that such a question should be asked. But there is so much misunderstanding that it becomes necessary.

Some people have a concept of Christianity which is virtually atheistic. They profess to be Christians but deny such doctrines as the inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Christ, the blood atonement, forgiveness of sin and the experience of the new birth. These people need to be given the real definition of Christianity.

Others confuse Christianity with mere humanitarianism. They lack knowledge as to the supernatural content of our faith. They think that Christianity is keeping the Golden Rule, paying your debts, staying out of jail, being honest and upright in personal dealings. But one may do all these

things and not be a Christian at all. It is one thing to be honest. It is quite another thing to be a Christian.

II. CHRISTIANITY IS SUPERNATURALISM.

Christianity is a supernatural Book. The Bible is different from all other books. Paul said, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God." Men have tried to destroy the Bible but it lives on.

Voltaire, the French infidel, said within 30 years after his death, the Bible would be obsolete. But 100 years later, the very place where he wrote these words, in Paris, was filled with Bibles as a store room, owned by the French Bible Society. The Bible has often stood beside the graves of its enemies.

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III. THE CHRISTIAN IN RELATION TO OTHERS.

No matter where the true Christian is living, he will be bringing blessing to others. Those who follow Christ are drawn to high moral, spiritual and ethical levels. It is the believer's

business to reflect Christ to the world.

In the city of Chicago, there are bootblacks in the downtown section called the "Loop," who shine shoes on the streets. They carry their little boxes with them. The customer places his foot on the box, and the boy shines his shoes.

But on rainy days, the boys have to step inside the buildings, to keep their boxes dry. Then they put up little signs in the windows which say, "Shine Inside."

That is what a Christian is supposed to do — *shine inside*. If Christ really indwells our lives, He will shine

through us to the outside and we will enjoy:

Calm in time of storm,
Peace in time of conflict,
Joy in time of sorrow, and
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The Bible is a *different* kind of a Book. Christ was a *different* kind of a Being. A Christian is a *different* kind of a person.

—Outline of a message recently given by the writer at a church service.

Liquor A Menace In Time Of War

By United States Senator Langer ... Of North Dakota

"How long are we going to permit the whisky lobby to feed us such lies as contained in the New York Times?"

Mr. President, I desire to introduce into the Record a news item from the *New York Herald Tribune* of August 17, 1950:

MAJOR DISTILLERS PUSH OUTPUT TO WARTIME RATE — STEADY EXPANSION SHOWN SINCE START OF KOREAN WAR

Production of liquor by major distillers has been stepped up sharply in the last few weeks to a point where it is now reported to be at a rate equaling the wartime industrial alcohol output level of distilleries, according to liquor trade sources. Production in June, figures on which were released only recently, showed an increase of almost 5,000,000 gallons over the like month last year.

Since the outbreak of the Korean crisis, however, the production level has been lifted steadily. Although figures on the July production will not be available until next month, and the August figures not until early in October, unofficial reports indicate that July output was up sharply over June, and the August rate is running well above the July level.

Although inventories at the end of June had reached a record level, distillers are reported taking no chance of not having sufficient stocks on hand to carry them over a period of years in the event the international situation worsens and distilleries are again converted to production of industrial alcohol.

At the end of June, stocks of whisky in bonded warehouses amounted to 643,377,081 original gallons before allowances for leakage and evaporation, compared to 602,925,861 gallons a year earlier.

With warehouse facilities already taxed by the record inventories, distillers are reported to be making substantial investments in renting additional warehouse space in addition to the heavy investments in new whisky which must be laid away for aging.

Some in the trade are inclined to feel that a few distillers may have to cut back sharply on their production in another couple of months because of the warehouse problem, plus the amount of money that must be invested in the whisky which will not be sold for another four years.

According to this report, at the end of June, stocks of whiskies in bonded warehouses amounted to 643,000,000 gallons.

Stocks of all classes of distilled spirits, according to Alcohol Tax Unit

records, are in excess of 700,000,000 gallons. This is equivalent to a 10-year supply based on the rate of consumption during the past few years.


This total can be compared with the highest quantity accumulated in reserve before World War II when stocks of distilled spirits reached the peak of 567,000,000 gallons and all production was stopped from 1942 to 1945, whereupon partial production was permitted.

In spite of this unprecedented accumulation of distilled spirits, the whisky producers are feverishly working on a 24-hour schedule piling up further stock. All these productive facilities should be diverted to more essential needs in view of the heavy burden already imposed on our economy by the defense program.

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The Government should start immediately stockpiling alcohol, which is an essential war material needed for jet planes, smokeless powder and above all for synthetic rubber. The rubber industry has recently called the attention of the Government to the critical condition of their industry because of the inadequacy of existing supplies of natural rubber.

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the resumption of the manufacture of synthetic rubber by all those plants capable of utilizing petroleum for this purpose. Thanks to the whisky lobby the alcohol synthetic rubber plants are left idle. Instead of using up our precious oil reserves we should be using our surplus grain which nature can replenish.

Speaking of grain, I remember very well that before World War II one-half of all the rubber which was made in Germany was produced from grain. Apples taken from the orchards, oranges, and potatoes which could not otherwise be used were also utilized at that time for the manufacture of synthetic rubber.

We will need all the oil we can get, especially in view of the demands of the aviation industry for a higher octane gasoline.

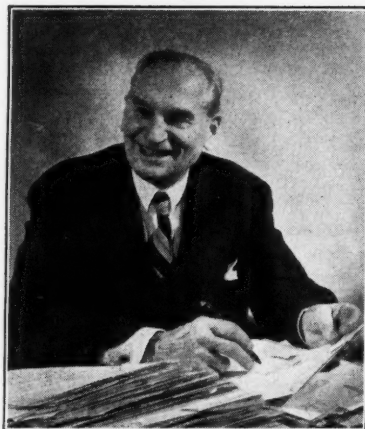
If our supply of natural rubber should be cut off—either by submarine attacks on our shipping in the Pacific or by Communist-inspired strikes and destruction of the rubber plantations in the Far East through sabotage and civil war, we could be faced with a desperate situation. Our entire defense could be imperiled.

If we should have to feed our allies all over the world next year or the year after, and if we should ever have a crop failure, the danger would be increased. Instead of burning up grain now to pile up further unnecessary reserves for a panicky whisky industry which already has a 10-year supply, we should be building up a Government stockpile of alcohol for the needs of national defense.

How much money is the whisky industry pouring into its lobbying activities to prevent this necessary action, at a time when American boys are being slaughtered in Korea because of our lack of military preparation? An example of the misleading information fed to the press by the liquor lobby through one of its organs, the Licensed Beverage Industries, Inc., is illustrated by an article from the *New York Times* of August 14, 1950, headlined "Liquor Use for War Held Unnecessary."

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the article may be printed in the Record at this point.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:



SENATOR W. E. LANGER

Government need for industrial alcohol will not create a demand for the output of alcoholic-beverage industries, distilling executives held here yesterday. Conditions that preceded the last war no longer exist, and industrial alcohol produced from grain now accounts for an extremely small percentage of total output, it was explained. According to figures given out yesterday by Licensed Beverage Industries, Inc., industrial alcohol produced from grain since July 1949

accounts for less than 1 per cent of total output.

A tabulation covering industrial production between July of last year and May of this year shows that 282,432,801 proof-gallons were made. Of this, 149,764,321 gallons were made from an ethyl-sulfate base and 93,874,563 from a molasses base.

This represented 53 per cent of 33.2 per cent, respectively, of total production. In contrast, industrial alcohol produced from grain accounted for only 2,190,328 proof-gallons, or 0.8 per cent of the total output during the period covered, according to LBI figures.

Except for potatoes, grain was the smallest source of industrial alcohol during the 9-month period. Ethylene gas was used to produce 24,977,404 proof-gallons, sulfite liquors were used to make 3,291,392 gallons, and other miscellaneous materials were the source of 8,190,376 gallons.

The point distillers seek most to emphasize is that liquor production for beverage purposes is expending materials that would possibly be used later in creating a Government industrial alcohol stockpile. In view of ample supplies of other less expensive industrial alcohol bases, it was held that grain industrial alcohol production in volume would be needlessly extravagant.

Mr. President, what this article fails to disclose is the fact that there is a tremendous shortage of industrial alcohol at the present time and it is being allocated by producers on a limited scale only to old customers. Manufacturers of ethyl-sulfate alcohol like Carbide & Carbon Co. are trying to buy alcohol abroad, not sell it.

As for molasses, this raw material is practically unobtainable. The largest producer of industrial alcohol, the Publicker Co., of Philadelphia, is now producing alcohol only from grain, being unable to buy any molasses.

How long are we going to permit the whisky lobby to feed us such lies as contained in this article in the *New York Times*? The truth is we should be stockpiling grain alcohol now for defense purposes. If we do not act now, hundreds of thousands of American lives may be lost later for lack of rubber.

What is more important, more millions of gallons of whisky or the lives of our boys? Surely that is a question of great importance to the Senate, the Congress, and the country. I particularly ask Senators to study this question very carefully.

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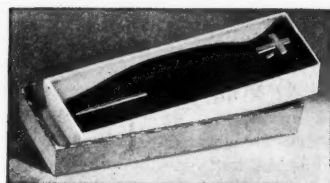
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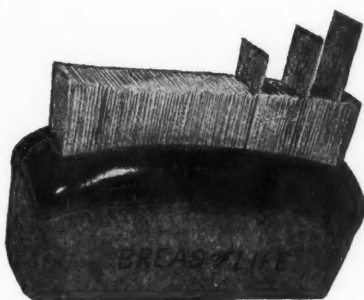
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THE APPOINTMENT of Anna Rosenberg to the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense becomes understandable only when one takes into consideration the Jewish power that exists at Washington.

This woman, born in Hungary, has been for years an active leader of the red movement in the United States.

What kind of a curse has come upon our Country, that large responsibility for conducting the war against Communism should be vested in such a person?

One explanation heard in Washington is . . . that the Acheson-Frankfurter group, being frightened, had her appointed to appease Moscow.

She is in position to occupy General George Marshall's chair in his absence. He is able to devote only a few hours each day to official duties due to a physical ailment. A helicopter carries him between his home and the Pentagon.

The next person in authority is Marx Leva, another Assistant Secretary of Defense . . . and a Felix Frankfurter protege from the Harvard Law School. He too is a Jew.

Anna Rosenberg is listed by the Committee On Un-American Activities (Appendix IX, page 939) as being affiliated with the John Reed Club, a Communist front organization, named in honor of John Reed, one of the earliest Communist leaders in the United States.

Reed died in Russia shortly after the Bolshevik revolution of 1917 and his

ashes were interred in the Moscow Kremlin. The clubs that came to bear his name were out-and-out Communist centers, promoted for the purpose of Sovietizing the Nation. Mrs. Rosenberg is listed as one of the 130-odd leaders of this subversive organization. The notorious Frank Kingdon was her close associate in club activities.

The Committee's files also show that she has helped sponsor the Consumer National Federation, identified by Earl Browder, as a "transmission belt" for the Communist party.

She is listed as a financial contributor to Social Work Today Cooperators, another Communist front outfit.

Her war record included directorship on the War Manpower Commission — an agency dominated by the late Sidney Hillman (known as Schmu-el Gilman when a rabbinical student in Lithuania).

The same pro-Communist Hillman with whom Roosevelt instructed political henchmen to "clear" Mr. Truman's nomination for Vice President.

Mrs. Rosenberg's appointment came at a time when plans were being evolved behind the scenes for drafting women into the armed forces. This is causing one well-known observer to describe her as the coming "whip cracker over American wives, sisters and daughters in forced labor assignments, perhaps even in camps."

The thoughts of this woman, with regard to sovietizing women, were set forth in an article which she wrote for the *Communist New Masses* in December 1942, entitled, "Women on the Job."

It is being charged around Washington that Anna Rosenberg aspires to become the Anna Pauker (Jewish dictator of Bulgaria) of the United States.

Her appointment as Assistant Secretary of Defense must be confirmed by the Senate.

Senator Tydings has announced that the Senate Armed Services Committee, of which he is chairman, will approve. Whether or not other Senators expect to lead an open fight on the floor is not known at this writing. *It should be done!*

JOHN ROGGE, collaborator with Communists and former Assistant Attorney General under Francis Biddle, has suddenly discovered objectionable features about the alleged "World Congress of Peace Partisans." It would be strange, indeed, if anyone should credit him with sincere motives in his turn-about-face.

He has simply reached the practical conclusion that it is no longer safe for hyphenated Americans to espouse the cause of Communism. The November elections may have helped bring him to his senses. He continues to occupy a position of leadership in the red Progressive Party, despite the fact that Henry Wallace has himself withdrawn.

We are not forgetting that he visited Moscow early this year, was welcomed by high officials of the Soviet government and placed a wreath on the grave of John Reed.

Rogge helped organize the "Peace Partisans" and has been one of the principal leaders from the beginning. In this capacity he had to understand its Soviet motivation. But now, all of a sudden, he gets his eyes open . . . and learns the horrible truth!

"I resign," says he, at Warsaw after British authorities refused to let delegates land for the meeting, scheduled originally to be held in Sheffield, England.

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WORLD TRENDS

While some editors described Rogge as "a liberal who came to realize the facts of life," the *Chicago Tribune* presented him more nearly in his true character.

An abridgement of the *Tribune* editorial appears below and it is well worth reading.

Everybody knows that Rogge's past strength stemmed from his connections with international Jewry. Following the collapse of the so-called Sedition Case, he was paraded over the country and given an auspices for speaking engagements by the B'nai B'rith.

It is a paradox that this man and his pernicious propaganda should have gained entree to Bible-believing Christian circles through the manipulations of Keith Brooks and Dan Gilbert — both of whom profess deep and abiding admiration for him.

JOHAN ROGGE announced in Warsaw that he had severed relations with the "World Congress of Peace Partisans." He laid his decision to the discovery that this group is only a front for Soviet foreign policy.

Putting the best possible light on Rogge's reclamation, it may be said that his illumination is belated. He has given long and assiduous service to the Communist "peace" propaganda and has journeyed to numerous Congresses dedicated to the cause.

Rogge's purported conversion has won him some astonishing tributes. One New York organ refers to his "passionate belief in civil liberties." Whoever wrote that conveniently forgets Rogge's fanatic pursuit of the 30 victims marked out by the Roosevelt administration for persecution in the infamous war-time mass Sedition Case.

Rogge was assigned as prosecutor.

When he could get nowhere in the courts, he went on a fishing expedition to the Nuernberg war crimes trial and brought back a couple of Nazi diplomats at the expense of the taxpayers to testify in the related case of a magazine editor.

The defendant was acquitted when it was shown that Rogge had resorted to Gestapo methods to force the Germans to testify. The final blow came when Rogge's Sedition Case was thrown out of court after lingering on the docket for four years. *The judge who dismissed the action severely rebuked the government.* (In dismissing the charges, the court held that the entire case was a "travesty on justice.")

Rogge meanwhile had taken to the lecture platform and tried to convict the sedition defendants before the public, if he couldn't hang anything on them in court. His behavior was so grossly improper that it was too much for even the malodorous Tom Clark to stomach. Rogge was fired.

What there is to admire in his character is a mystery that passes understanding.

—Chicago Tribune

JONATHAN DANIELS says in his new book on the life of Mr. Truman, that Max Lowenthal is more responsible than any other one person for the President's left wing views.

David K. Niles (Neyhus), a member of the Frankfurter bund, has had offices in the White House since the early days of the Roosevelt occupancy. He continues to wield an influence, at the core of our government, which is both sinister and mysterious.

The presence of such men, surrounding the President, is objectionable — not because they are of Jewish national-

ity ... but because they are leftists with pro-Communist records, who lack the Christian viewpoint. Mr. Truman needs to be rescued.

May God help us!

Major Robert H. Williams says in the current issue of his *Intelligence Summary*: "Max Lowenthal, who probably more than any other individual just now influences the mind of the President, has a Marxist record no less repulsive than that of Anna Rosenberg. The 1948 Report of the California Un-American Activities Committee lists Lowenthal as 'among those affiliated with the International Juridical Association.'"

"And the Report describes the International Juridical Association as follows:

"This Communist front is closely associated with the legal arm of the Communist Party, the International Labor Defense. From its inception, the International Juridical Association has specialized in the defense of individual Communists or of the Communist Party itself. It has followed the Communist Party line without deviation."

"It is the National Lawyers Guild, one of the legal arms of the Communist Party, brother in crime to the International Juridical Association to which Mr. Lowenthal belongs, which has been trying for some time to get J. Edgar Hoover ousted from the F.B.I. Clearly, Mr. Lowenthal, adviser to the President, in knifing Hoover and the F.B.I. in the back, is rendering aid and comfort to the enemy.

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view of the impending threat of war-time controls, which would enable them to exercise great power over the American people, perhaps even silencing opponents of Communism and Zionism. Meanwhile, we cannot overlook the fact that such persons as Anna Rosenberg and Max Lowenthal have access to our most valued secrets and in fact help shape the policies which are stripping us of allies and binding our hands while the Soviet monster grows.

"Will the new Congress and the awakening spirit of the people clean house? Can or will the Congress take the necessary action? Will you urge Congress to act?"

Lowenthal has written a book maligning J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I., which follows the usual leftist line of smearing one of the few federal institutions that has successfully resisted red infiltration.

Fulton Lewis, Jr. said on November 21, 1950: "Max Lowenthal, one of President Truman's ace instructors on liberal thinking, considers the Federal Bureau of Investigation a waste of taxpayers' money and a deterrent to the welfare of the U.S.A."

AN UNMISTAKABLE prophetic trend was noted at Cleveland, Ohio, during the last week of November when the Federal Council of Churches — an ecclesiastical chameleon, changed its external appearance and became the National Council of Churches.

Seven other hybrid organizations merged with the Federal Council to form the new body.

The change was a humanistic, political move dictated by expediency, devoid of the Holy Spirit's presence and power. The announced program of the new organization bears no resemblance to New Testament Christianity.

If leaders of the Protestant hierarchy think their strategy will disarm opposition, they are mistaken. The red core of the Federal Council has been exposed to public view and nothing its officials can do, will confuse or cover up this fact.

Another purpose of the change is to create a religious organization in the United States broad enough to eventually include Judaism, to be geared to the World Council of Churches without possible friction.

The World Council will become the bride of the Antichrist ... even as the

true Church (the *ecclesia*) is the bride of Christ.

Bible students, possessing spiritual discernment, can only regard present-day religious mergers, manipulated by apostate leadership, as a "sign of the times."

Our ecclesiastical world is now in process of setting up the ecclesiastical Babylon of the Apocalypse described as a lamb-beast (Revelation 13:11), the mystery of iniquity (II Thessalonians 2:7 and Revelation 17:5), a lewd woman (Revelation 17:3-7) and a great city (Revelation 17:18).

The final doom of the system is announced in Revelation 18:2-5. The fourth verse of this passage leaves no doubt regarding the attitude of true believers.

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Revelation 18:4.

The Cleveland group was consistent in inviting Dean Acheson to be their principal speaker. But G. Bromley Oxnam the red Bishop of Methodism and those like him, must be patient with Bible-believing Christians who reject the view that the assemblage was "another Pentecost."

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—Frederick Kister

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kind, they should be alarmed. We should therefore expect, at this time above all, to behold such visitations."

On February 22, 1950, two saucers were seen above the Key West Naval Station and tracked by radar.

On the same date, the Air Force again denied the existence of flying saucers.

This zig-zag course of handling publicity is regarded by observers as part of an intricate program to prepare America for an astounding revelation which will eventually set forth the truth about the disks. Some insist that "Project Saucer" was set up, not only to investigate, but to also conceal the truth.

Mr. Scully says: "I have not the slightest interest in what the military may or may not say about this book."

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The Air Force was greatly vexed and annoyed, according to Mr. Scully, by a spark which rekindled and ignited public interest. It happened on March 8, 1950, and is described in the first chapter entitled: "The Mystery of the University of Denver."

On that day, at 12:30 p.m., 350 students skipped lunch to hear a confidential scientific discourse, arranged for students of a basic science class with the understanding that it was not to be publicized. Word had circulated via the "grapevine" that an important

lecture was afoot, and a capacity audience assembled. Professors of astronomy and engineering came with their students.

Author Scully cloaks the name of the speaker in secrecy. (But his identity was recently disclosed through the daily press.) The man is a geophysicist of highest standing, and one of the world's top leaders in magnetic research. Undergraduates and faculty members left the lecture room with their heads spinning.

The speaker delivered what was probably the most sensational lecture about this earth, in relation to other planets, since Galileo. He gave the untold story of a flying saucer which he said had landed within 500 miles of Denver. The space ship and its personnel were described. Mr. Scully recounts the entire incident in detail.

The lecture began with a flat declaration that saucers are real. Moreover, the Air Force, despite its announcement to the contrary, had not abandoned its "Project Saucer" at all, but was operating it secretly on another level and under another name.

Four flying saucers, the lecturer stated, had actually landed on this earth. Three were captured and inspected by men with whom he was currently identified in geophysical research.

The first known saucer was found in the Rocky Mountain area. It did not appear to have come from any part of the earth, and the best speculation pointed to the planet Venus. The presence of two unknown metals in the ship's structure indicated that it was not of earthly origin. Instruments were found inside which seemingly measured lines of magnetic force. These were enigmatic, but gave a clue to something which magnetic researchers then had under consideration. It is believed that when the use of the instruments is solved, the problem of saucer propulsion will be mastered.

No apparent weapons were carried on the space ships, but their occupants knew how to disintegrate any object which might pursue or threaten them. Food was found, apparently condensed, which swelled tremendously when soaked. Guinea pigs thrived on it. Water in the disks was of a heavy variety similar to that in Norway, used for atomic research.

As the speaker neared the end of his lecture, he told of the discovery of a fourth saucer which landed near a government proving ground. Small figures resembling human beings were seen outside. They leaped into the space ship and rose silently, but with the speed of lightning, as a group of hastily assembled scientists approached. The saucer disappeared from sight in no time.

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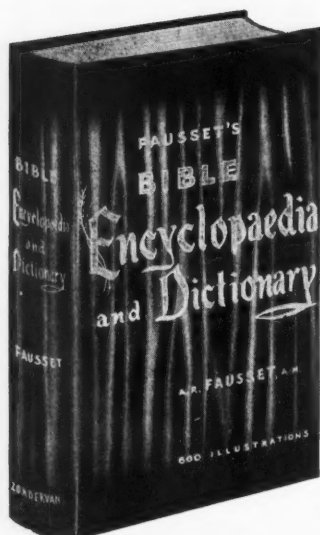
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THE APOSTLE PAUL conceived of the Gospel as consisting in two parts. In Galatians 4:4 he wrote "But when the fulness of the time was come, God *sent forth* his Son." That was the first part of the Gospel. But he continued by saying, "And because ye are sons, God hath *sent forth* the Spirit of his Son into your hearts" (4:6). That is the second part in the work of redemption. The first was an objective fact in history, the second is an inner experience in the life of the believer.

Luke, the companion of Paul, had this same twofold view of the Gospel. He accordingly wrote his story in two books. In the Gospel of Luke he traced the story of God sending His Son; how God became incarnate in Jesus Christ. In the book of Acts he traced the story of the sending of the Holy Spirit; how God is preparing the mystical body of Christ, the Church.

Both phases of this divine activity are specially the work of the Holy Spirit. The incarnation of Jesus in human form was specially the work of the Spirit, as seen from Luke 1:35. The wonderful ministry of Christ, His redemptive work on the Cross, as well as His resurrection, were achieved in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14; Heb. 9:14; Rom. 8:11). Likewise the forming of the Church, is the special work of the Holy Spirit during this age. And that is the program of Christian missions. This work Luke portrays in the book of The Acts.

The book of Acts has appropriately been called the Acts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the central

figure. The Spirit is mentioned no less than 56 times in this book, more than any other book of the New Testament.

A study of the Acts reveals that missions is preeminently the work of the Holy Spirit. Christian missions began with the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost. As soon as the disciples were spiritually baptized, they began to speak the wonderful works of God (2:11). And under the impact of their Spirit-filled testimony souls were saved.

The Holy Spirit inaugurated the work of missions; He empowers and directs it, and He alone can make it effective. All missionary projects and efforts that leave out the empowerment of the Spirit are doomed to failure. *The secret of success in missions is the centrality of the Holy Spirit in the work.*

The relation of the Holy Spirit to missions, as set forth in the book of Acts, may be summarized under the following points:

1. The Holy Spirit calls out the workers.

In the thirteenth chapter of Acts we have an account of the beginning of what is ordinarily called "foreign missions." The church at Antioch was

instructed by the Spirit to "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (13:2).

Here the Holy Spirit is seen as taking the initiative in calling out the needed missionaries. Only workers thus called may be truly considered efficient.

The Church can and should pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth the needed workers (Matt. 9:38), but the Holy Spirit must personally issue the call. The Antioch church "laid their hands on them" and sent them away (13:3). Thus we have a beautiful picture of the Church working in harmony with the Spirit in the sending out of the needed workers. Both the divine and the human element are thus seen in the missionary's call.

2. The Holy Spirit empowers the witnesses.

Having called the workers, the Holy Spirit also empowers them. This was the promise given by the risen Lord before His ascension, when He said to His disciples, "Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and ye shall be my witnesses" (1:8 A.S.V.).

The promised empowerment was for the distinct purpose of being witnesses for Him. This promise was fulfilled at Pentecost. On that day "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (2:4 A.S.V.). The result, of that empowered apostolic testimony, was three thousand conversions (2:41).

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After the healing of the lame man at the Beautiful gate (3:1-8), Peter and John were arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin. Instead of being awed into silence, Peter, empowered by the Spirit, gave ringing testimony before that hostile body to the salvation that is in Christ Jesus.

Upon being released, they returned to their own company and reported what had happened. When their report was heard, the church unitedly gave itself to prayer, asking God for boldness to witness. God answered their prayer, for we read that "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (4:31).

It was the empowerment of the Spirit that made those apostles and early Christians such effective witnesses. Without that power, missionary efforts are ineffective and fruitless. Lacking this empowerment, the modern church may resort to all kinds of human devices, but such efforts will be futile as far as spiritual results are concerned. All fruitful testimony is Spirit-empowered testimony.

3. The Holy Spirit selects the fields of service.

In beginning the second missionary journey, the apostle Paul revisited the churches established in southern Galatia during the first journey. Leaving Pisidian Antioch, he and his associates proposed to enter the province of Asia to the west, but they were "forbidden of the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia" (16:6 A.S.V.). They then turned north and planned on entering the province of Bithynia, and again "the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not" (16:7 A.S.V.). But these negative leadings were simply preparatory for the positive leading that was given them at Troas, where the call into Macedonia was received (16:8-10).

The Holy Spirit had been closing the doors in Asia Minor in order to lead them into Europe. The Spirit was revealing Himself as the Commander-in-chief of the missionary forces, sending them where He saw best. He knows the strategic points in the campaign and leads His soldiers toward them.

Adoniram Judson sailed to India to take up mission work in that land but the opposition of the East India Company closed the door against him there, and he was led to Burma for an even more important task.

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4. The Holy Spirit leads to opportunities of service.

Philip, one of the seven deacons, had been engaged in a wonderful revival in Samaria. Then the Lord sent him down south of Jerusalem on the road to Gaza. While there out on the lonely highway, the Holy Spirit arranged a soul-winning opportunity for him.

When the Ethiopian eunuch, a hungry soul searching his Bible, came riding along in his chariot, "the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join

thyself to this chariot" (8:29). Philip eagerly accepted the Spirit-arranged opportunity and ran to the chariot. The heart of the eunuch was prepared for his message, and Philip led him to Christ.

When an angel appeared to Cornelius in Caesarea, and told him to send to Joppa for Peter who would tell him how to be saved (11:14), immediately Cornelius dispatched messengers. While the men were on their way, the Holy Spirit was preparing Peter for the opportunity of witnessing.

Peter, praying on the housetop, fell into a trance and saw a vision divinely intended to prepare him for what was coming. While he was still trying to figure out the meaning of the vision, "the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them." (10:19-20). Peter obeyed and in the opportunity thus created, a new stage in the development of the church was reached.

Whenever the Holy Spirit creates an opportunity for service by prompting His servant to witness to a certain individual, one may be sure that God has also been working in preparing that soul for the worker's message. How tragic if Peter or Ananias had failed to follow the leadings of the Spirit! Have we prevented God from completing salvation for some soul by our failure to obey His leading?

5. The Holy Spirit convicts sinners.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit brought conviction to the hearts of the multitude that listened to the message of Peter. The Spirit took Peter's sermon about the Messiah and with it pierced the hearts of the hearers. "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart" (2:37). Being brought under conviction by the Spirit, they were ready to listen to the way of salvation. It is

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In the upper room the night before His crucifixion, Jesus told His disciples that He would send the Spirit in His place, and then added, "And he, when he is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8 A.S.V.). Pentecost was the beginning of fulfillment of that promise. Without the convicting power of the Spirit, missionary efforts will be fruitless.

6. The Holy Spirit confirms the witness of His messenger.

Jesus told the disciples that when the Spirit of truth was come, He would add His witness to the witness which they were to bear concerning Him (John 15:26-27). There was thus to be a double witness, the human witnesses and the divine witness. This promise was confirmed in the experience of the apostles.

Peter referred to this double witness before the Sanhedrin when he said, "We are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him" (5:32). It is this confirming testimony of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of men, that gives power to the message of the missionary. The human witness is the medium necessary to deliver the truth, but the divine witness must quicken it in the conscience of the hearer.

7. The Holy Spirit disciplines the Church.

The punishment that fell upon Ananias and Sapphira for their sin of hypocrisy impressively revealed the holiness of God and the sanctity of the church. But it is not to be overlooked that Peter recognized their sin as being against the Holy Spirit, the true leader of the church.

Peter did not accuse them of lying to him, but he said, "Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost," and again, "How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?" (5:3, 9). These words definitely reveal the personality of the Holy Spirit. One cannot lie to or tempt an influence, only a person.

To these early Christians the Holy Spirit was not just an impersonal influence, but a living, holy Person, present to guide, correct and administer the affairs of the Church. This disciplinary action once for all reveals the Spirit's attitude toward sin and hypocrisy. This purification of the Church was the means of releasing

another great wave of spiritual power. A purified Church always is a soul-winning church.

8. The Holy Spirit directs the decisions of the Church.

The fifteenth chapter of Acts records the story of the first missionary conference in the Church, held at Jerusalem, to decide the momentous question of how missionary work should be done among the Gentiles. After full and free discussion of the matter, a decision was reached by the group. Their formulation of policy was prefaced by these significant words, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us" (15:28).

They recognized the Holy Spirit as the supreme leader.

What a change in many an assembly or conference would take place today if this truth of the Holy Spirit's leadership were a conscious reality! Too often the voice of the Spirit is silenced in such gatherings by petty jealousies and bitter rivalries, or resort to worldly diplomacy and ecclesiastical wire-pulling. But when the church recognizes the presence and authority of the Holy Spirit in making decisions, its efforts will be blessed.

9. The Holy Spirit exercises supreme ecclesiastical authority.

This is clearly asserted by the apostle Paul in his farewell address to the Ephesian elders at Miletus, when he said to them, "Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of the Lord which he purchased with his own blood" (20:28 A.S.V.).

In these words, the apostle recognized the Holy Spirit as the final authority in the administrative affairs of the Church. These men were responsible ultimately, not to any man, but to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the true Vicar of Christ. No man, regardless of his high pretensions, can fill that office. Christ Himself sent the Holy Spirit as another "Paraclete" to take His place (John 14:16).

And what a revolution would be produced in regard to the assumptions and claims of historic episcopates, ecclesiastical organizations, and sacerdotal systems past and present, if this truth were truly recognized in the professing church today!

The mission of the church is missions, but it is the mission of the Holy Spirit to inspire and empower that mission.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Puerto Rico's Recent Tragedy

A Defender Hour Broadcast ... By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod



I WANT TO SPEAK to you tonight about Puerto Rico. I know the Island very well, having been there many times. I made my first missionary trip to the West

Indies twenty years ago.

We have been hearing and reading a great deal the last few days about Puerto Rico and Puerto Ricans, due to the fact that a few fanatics from the Island have brought disgrace upon the population as a whole.

It will take the good people of Puerto Rico a generation to live down the events of the last few days. The vast majority of Puerto Ricans reciprocate the love and respect that the United States has for them, and are proud to regard themselves as members of the great American family.

ALBIZU CAMPOS

About 25 years ago, a man down there, animated with delusions of grandeur, by the name of Albizu — Pedro Albizu Campos, launched a small but radical revolutionary organization based upon hatred for law, order and the United States.

If I seem to call him by his middle name, remember please, it is a Spanish custom. His given name is Pedro. His father's name was Albizu. Puerto Ricans attach their mother's name as a tribute to her memory.

Thus, the full name of this man is Pedro Albizu Campos. But he goes by what would seem to us his middle name, his father's name, Albizu.

Albizu is a dynamic personality. He possesses a brilliant mind. He is now 63 years old. As a young man, he graduated from Harvard University in 1916. Had he used his knowledge and extraordinary talents in a constructive way, Albizu could have been a blessing

to Puerto Rico and a benefactor to his people.

This man is a fiery speaker and understands the arts of effective oratory. He knows how to inflame the emotions and fan hate passions among those who are willing to listen. He has brought great harm to his countrymen.

But despite his zeal and brilliance, he has never been able to organize more than a few hundred followers. And these are for the most part young boys. He wields an influence that is well nigh hypnotic over those of teen age and the early twenties who join his ranks. They seem willing to follow his instructions at any cost.

By this means he has been able to instigate crimes through others which could not be traced to his door.

His organization has always operated along military lines. Its members are secretly trained in the use of guns. Albizu has for years maintained a small private army, very small and very fanatical.

I recall an incident reported to me some 15 years ago on one of my missionary trips to the Island.

A crime was to be committed. Albizu gave the order. Three young men were chosen. Lots were cast. The boy to whom the lot fell became frightened and tried to withdraw from the plot. His courage evidently failed him.

Finally, this boy was permitted to call his mother on the telephone, and between sobs tell her that she would never see him again. His body was found the next day, riddled with bullets on a beach.

It is evident that somewhere along the line, Albizu made a deal with the Communists. This increased his strength, provided powerful backing and made him feel equal to organizing a plot for the assassination of the President of the United States.

The merger of his forces with those of Moscow has evidently taken place

since he was released from federal prison, where he served a seven year sentence for crimes committed on the Island.

A rally was staged in the baseball park of San Juan, Puerto Rico when he returned on December 15, 1947. Many people attended out of curiosity. Albizu was escorted to the speaker's stand by members of his private army, wearing black shirt uniforms.

On that occasion he said: "I have brought back with me the seed. I come to tell you this is the hour for action in Puerto Rico."

Not many people took him seriously. They preferred to regard him as a babbler. They knew that he had a small private army, but could not bring themselves to regard him as a threat. No one thought he would ever have the audacity to order the assassination of the Governor of Puerto Rico and the President of the United States.

But what they did not know was that he had brought back with him the support of the international Communist movement.

VITO MARCANTONIO

There is another man, prominent in public life, who must share the blame with Albizu Campos for the suffering, sorrow and disgrace that has come upon the people of Puerto Rico during the last few days. I refer to Vito Marcantonio, the notorious red congressman from the Harlem section of New York City.

The pro-Communist record that Marcantonio has built up over a period of years is today a matter of public knowledge. His speeches before Congress, his voting record, and his stand on national and international issues have always followed the Communist party line one hundred per cent.

Approximately a half million Puerto Ricans live in the New York district which Marcantonio represented in Congress for several years. He and his

henchmen succeeded in establishing a powerful communistic political machine in Harlem, the section of New York City which is occupied largely by immigrants from other countries.

Few Puerto Ricans who come to the United States get further than New York. There they settle in the midst of poverty, squalor, disease and crime centers of Harlem. Many of these people have come under the influence of Marcantonio and later returned to their Island, members of the international Communist conspiracy.

These are the kind of people who, acting on orders from their secret masters, have created so much strife during the last few days. They are responsible for the great loss of life and property damage which has taken place on their own beautiful Island.

Albizu and Earl Browder were thrown together while serving sentences at the same federal prison at Atlanta. Marcantonio tried to secure Albizu's release.

Puerto Rican authorities understand the alliance which exists between Albizu's forces and the Communists of the Island. This is suggested by a report which I shall now read, published in *Diario de Puerto Rico*, November 3, 1950 at the time of his arrest: (quote)

"Police authorities seized the president and top leaders of the Nationalist and Communist parties today in a widespread roundup begun by the Insular authorities few hours after the Washington attempt on the life of the President Truman.

"Pedro Albizu Campos, president of the Nationalists, was routed from his besieged home with tear gas — and surrendered without a shot being fired. His house had been under siege since Monday when a Nationalist uprising—reported egged on by the Communists, erupted suddenly.

"San Juan is virtually under a state of siege today. Police blocked off roads in their hunt for Nationalists and Communists and required special police passes for those seeking to go through the lines.

"Albizu Campos and other Nationalists and Communists leaders were taken to the Police Headquarters for intensive questioning. Some 600 Nation-



alists and Communists in all were to be rounded up, 300 of them in the metropolitan zone.

"Governor Luis Munoz Marin said that he has sent a cablegram to President Truman notifying him that Albizu Campos had been arrested." (unquote.)

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

And now, for something more pleasant.

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I have traveled over narrow, winding mountain trails which to me, appeared high enough to be on the very top of the world. In these travels I have met precious people who seemed to have been well nigh forgotten.

Traveling on horseback, I have come to neighborhoods, tucked away on mountain sides where scenes of degra-

dation, foul odors, filth, disease and naked children have left me sick, literally sick, at heart.

These people live in little shacks, small houses made of thatch and bamboo, with dirt floors. They enjoy none of the advantages which we are accustomed to associate with civilization.

I have visited many such places in Puerto Rico. Then I have continued my climb on horse back. Eventually I would reach another community which had come under the influence of our missionary labors. Christian workers had been sent there, financed by friends in the United States.

I would find a humble little Church established by native missionaries, built by native hands, under the direction of our Spanish missionary department. The atmosphere in the community would be entirely different.

The houses, though humble, would be clean. The children would be properly clothed. The people would be happy and their hearts full of music. Their minds would be more active and creative.

They had something for which to live. Their faces had taken on an entirely different expression. They had learned to sing hymns and Gospel songs. They had come to love the Gospel.

They would listen to every word of my sermons, spoken in English and translated into Spanish by some faithful interpreter. And I would come away thinking of the verse from the pen of the Psalmist: "The entrance of thy words giveth light."

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Now I want to tell you about our Puerto Rican missionary Church, located in the Harlem section of New York City. I explained a few minutes ago that many thousands of Puerto Ricans have migrated to the United States, a total of at least a half million, and most of these people have gone no further than Harlem. This part of New York City is therefore a mission field, in the truest sense of the world.

One of our native pastors from Puerto Rico, a brilliant young man by the name of Jose Hernandez, came to Harlem seven years ago. He proceeded immediately with the task of organizing a Defender Church. Today, we have a thriving congregation. All services are, of course, in the Spanish language.

Mr. Hernandez is a powerful preacher. He is now surrounded by a group of carefully trained Christian workers. Meetings have been held every night, including Saturdays, and three services every Sunday, for more than six years. Sunday School attendance now averages over 300, mostly children who have come under the beneficent influence of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Defender Church of Harlem has been correctly called, "A bright light, shining in a dark place."

Agents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation have, the last few days, conducted investigations and made raids on the Puerto Ricans of New York City, ferreting out the plot against Mr. Truman's life. This is, of course, work that had to be done under the circumstances. But it confirms the importance, the necessity, of our missionary ministry among Puerto Ricans, both on the Island and in New York City.

PERSECUTION

Let me say that our Church in Harlem has encountered opposition and endured great persecution at the hands of the followers of the red Congressman, Vito Marcantonio.

You no doubt noticed from the recent election returns that this miserable man was defeated last week in his race for reelection. What a pity this decision could not have been made by the voters before he was able to bring such harm upon trusting Puerto Ricans who have come under his influence!

On one occasion, a mob, acting under the leadership of Marcantonio's henchmen and a pro-Communist outfit called the "Friends of Democracy," surrounded our Church in Harlem, mistreated the pastor and members of the congregation and tried to break up the service in a riot.

Approximately 100 policemen had to be called out to restore order. Instructions had been given from Communist sources in New York that the Defenders Church of Harlem was to be abolished. Too many Communists were being converted, finding Christ and renouncing Communism at our services!

Some of the placards which the rioters carried that Christianity

was (and I quote), "Fascist Propaganda." But thank God, our Church has survived and is stronger today than ever before.

The words of Christ addressed to the Church at Smyrna, also apply to the Spanish Defender Christians of Harlem. "I know thy suffering."

In closing, I would like to say that my daughter Geraldine has written a book on Puerto Rico and the missionary work being done there. It is a new book. In fact, it only came from the press last week.

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LESSON NUMBER ONE

December 17, 1950

TRIUMPHANT CHRISTIAN LIVING

II Cor. 11:16-33; 12:7-10

MEMORY TEXT: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "STRONG."

Paul dreaded going to Corinth. Historians describe the city as having been "wealthy, luxurious, immoral and vicious." It had a mixed population of Romans, Greeks and Jews. The apostle later described his first trip, by saying that he entered the place "in fear and in much trembling."

Today's lesson is an index to Corinth's character. It shows that some converts, having come from backgrounds of degrading paganism, carried parts of the old life into the Church. The congregation, in its early days, fell below accepted standards of Christian ethics and morality. This caused Paul to impose some very definite restrictions.

Verse 22 suggests that those at the root of the Corinthian trouble were Paul's old enemies, the Judaizers, who dogged his footsteps in an effort to thwart missionary labors. They attempted to drive wedges between him and the local Church, by denying his apostleship. They also sought to cast reflections on his appearance, manner of speaking and general ability.

We find him using irony and sarcasm in answering their allegations. He came down to the level of the Judaizers, and "as a fool" showed that if they wished to contest his authority on the grounds of human achievement, he could offer credentials comparable to the best. To make his point, he ironically granted them the status of wisdom, while he assumed the position of a fool.

Then, with the words "I will be bold also," he set aside irony and proceeded according to facts. He would be as forthright as his opponents. They had criticized his "rude" speech and unprepossessing appearance. This elicited the answer that he had deliberately avoided impressing the Corinthians with a display of wisdom or oratorical ability. He was determined that the Gospel should not be thwarted by the intrusion of unnecessary human elements.

The record shows that Paul was interested in something far more important than winning an argument with the Corinthians. He used the circumstance to exalt Christ, and drive home certain great truths of the Gospel.

There were others, less humble than Paul, who by "great swelling words," sought to impress and sway the believers. As God's inspired apostle, responsible for the indoctrination and spiritual development of the Churches, he did not dare let such men gain control.

We may profit from his example. By daily reliance on the Holy Spirit . . . and by keeping constantly busy in the Lord's service, he was able to turn hardship into victory. The devil has little opportunity to engage the attention of, much less defeat, a busy saint.

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(2) THE KEY VERSE IS II CORINTHIANS 12:9.

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee."

The preceding verse, concerning Paul's "thorn in the flesh" is translated as follows by Moffat: "Three times over I prayed the Lord to relieve me of it, but he told me 'It is enough for you to have my grace; it is in weakness that my power is fully felt'."

No one knows for sure what was Paul's "thorn in the flesh." He, of course, wrote about it metaphorically. It was *not* an actual, physical thorn or thistle lodged in his flesh.

There are no valid grounds to support the theory, that he was a victim of epilepsy or had sore eyes. The text is sufficiently explicit to reject any such deduction.

Special note should be taken of the phrase, "messenger of Satan." The thorn was clearly some form of special Satanic opposition. Just how it was manifested remains an unanswered question.

Personal calamities may come into our path, but grace avails to rise above them. There shall no evil befall us, but that grace is sufficient.

(3) THE KEY FACT: PAUL WAS BOLD IN HIS MINISTRY.

The record indicates Paul's forthrightness and lack of equivocation in delivering the Gospel. Acts 13:46, I Thessalonians 2:2.

It is possible to preach boldly, but with such lack of good grace and common courtesy that souls take offense. Sometimes the minister's rudeness weakens the message. But the greatest fault today is the tendency to soft pedal sound doctrine, to quibble over controversial issues and soothe, rather than awaken the slumbering conscience of the hearers. Paul also spoke of Church goers having "itching ears." This would seem to imply the presence of "scratching preachers."

People are becoming sickened with leaders who call upon them to repent "after a fashion"; to seek God "in a measure"; and to avoid the wrath to come "as it were."

LESSON NUMBER TWO

December 24, 1950

BIRTH OF THE SAVIOUR

Luke 2:1-20

MEMORY TEXT: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

Prophecy:

Isaiah 7:14. "The Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Annunciation:

Luke 1:30-31. "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."

Fulfillment:

Luke 2:7. "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "SAVIOUR."

At the time of Christ's birth, Palestine was only a small segment in the great empire of the Romans. But governmental decrees originating far away in the capital, ultimately effected the lives of the lowliest subjects.

So it was that Joseph and Mary set forth from Nazareth to be registered on the tax rolls of their ancestral city in compliance with a Roman decree. Caesar did not know that he was contributing to the fulfillment of Micah's prophecy, which named Bethlehem as the Saviour's birthplace, 700 years in advance. Micah 5:2.

The finite mind cannot conceive the magnitude of the birth of Christ. A story is told of the Shah Abbis, a monarch of Persia, who loved his people and mingled with them in various disguises that he might understand their problems more perfectly.

One day he called on a poor man who tended the fires of a public bath. He sat in the man's tiny cellar, shared

his coarse food and talked as a friend. As the visits continued, the furnace keeper grew to love the mysterious stranger.

Then finally, Shah Abbis told him he was the emperor, and waited to be asked for some gift. But the poor man only sat gazing with love and wonder.

At last he spoke: "You left your palace and your glory to sit with me in this dark place, to partake of my coarse fare, to care whether my heart is glad or sorry. On others you may bestow rich presents, but to me you have given yourself; and it only remains for me to pray that you will never withdraw the gift of your friendship."

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS LUKE 2:14.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

It was appropriate that the birth of the celestial Heir should be celebrated with a heavenly demonstration. The fullness of time had come. The clock of the centuries had struck.

While humble shepherds were performing their regular duties in the same pastures where the youthful David tended his father's flocks, the Shekinah glory shone around them, and the sign of the Saviour was given.

The importance of the earthly ministry of angels is being ignored in our materialistic times. Too many professed

Christians lack an understanding of the reality of things spiritual.

Scripture makes constant reference to the existence of angels and their ministries. They are mentioned 108 times in the Old Testament, and 165 times in the New Testament. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14.)

Angels announced the birth of John the Baptist, Christ's forerunner. They announced the birth of the Saviour to Mary. They directed the flight into Egypt. They ministered to Him in the wilderness. They succored Him in the garden. They were ready in legions at Calvary, had He called them. They proclaimed His resurrection. They were present at His ascension. They gave counsel to His disciples.

God's Word leaves no doubt that angelic beings observe the affairs of men, and minister invisibly to the welfare of Christ's faithful followers.

(3) THE KEY FACT: THERE IS MEANING IN THE MANGER.

"There was no room for them in the inn." What was the inn? Not necessarily a hostelry (or as we would say, a hotel). There are two words translated "inn." The word *pandocheion*, which means a place offering living conditions. But there is another word *kataluma*, a mere enclosure, just walls, into which travelers could drive their cattle for the night. There was water, but no food, no host, no entertainment.

In the supreme hour which admits no delay, Joseph had to find a shelter. Not even a *kataluma* was available. This Baby was born outside of everything, even the place where cattle might be accommodated for the night. The glory of it, the wonder of it!

He passed the court, the palace, the dwelling place, the inn, even the *kataluma*. No baby could have been born lower.

"She brought forth her firstborn son." This means that Jesus was her eldest Child. But there is a larger meaning. Firstborn does not mean only first in time. It also means first in place, order, importance.

He is the "Firstborn in creation." Colossians 1:15. "Firstborn from the dead." Colossians 1:18. "Firstborn among many brethren." Romans 8:29.

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FRUITFUL BRANCHES

John 15:1-5; Phil 3:8-16

MEMORY TEXT: "Now are ye clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." John 15:3.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "VINE."

Christ's use of the vine as a symbol was not without precedent in Scripture. Ancient Israel was designated by the same figure of speech in Psalm 80:8-16. But when the Saviour characterized Himself at the true Vine, He was automatically putting aside the spurious plant which had proven a failure.

Adhesion is not the word, but rather, fusion. It is union, not communion. Nothing less than vital union of the main stem, with branches, can be drawn from Christ's words.

The genius of Christian revelation lies in the fact that the believer becomes united with Deity, without violation of either personality. In the beautiful imagery of the vine, the relation of Christ to believer is as heart to heart, fibre with fibre, bark to bark. Pagan religion failed utterly to conceive of such a lofty mysticism as that revealed by Christ.

The purpose of the husbandman with regard to the vine is unmistakable. He wants fruit. Accordingly, he cultivates and fertilizes the soil; prunes and trims the plant. Thus, the believer is disciplined. Conduct must conform to "fruit bearing." Contact with Christ produces character. Evil traits have to be pruned, cut off, taken away.

The abiding branch is a growing, producing, expanding organism. Believers in union with Christ are constantly in a process of improvement — growing in grace, even though sometimes

writhing under the purging hand of the vine-dresser.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS PHILIPPIANS 3:8.

"Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."

Paul made no effort to compare the benefits realized in Christ, with what the world was able to offer. He simply lumped all of the latter in a heap and wrote over them, "Loss."

In this testimony, he certified that the possession of Christ was *life* for him, and enumerated benefits accruing as a result:

(a) Knowledge of Christ (Philippians 3:8), with which the world was not worthy to be compared;

(b) Righteousness, for he could have a purer soul through faith in Christ, than by strictest adherence to the Law;

(c) Power (Philippians 3:10), for no power is equal to that of Christ's resurrection;

(d) Fellowship (Philippians 3:10), for tender relationship with Christ meets the deepest fraternal requirements of the soul;

(e) Sacrifice, for to be conformed to His death means self crucifixion;

(f) Activity, for he eagerly says, "I press on." (Philippians 3:4);

(g) Reward, the eternal prize seen ahead.

(3) THE KEY FACT: CHRISTIAN LIFE MUST BE FRUITFUL.

Christ was anxious that His disciples should bear fruit. He wanted to see results. He gave assignments and called for the execution of orders and commissions outlined. This indicates that if we abide in Him, and invoke the spiritual power which His promises contemplate, we shall have the means, ability and grace to do our share as laborers in His harvest field.

Today's lesson emphasizes the fact that Christianity is life — the life of Christ in union with the believer. Sap flows from the vine, out through the branch, and this typifies the presence of the Holy Spirit. The true Church is therefore an organism, rather than a mere organization.

Fruit automatically follows the coming of sap into the veins of the branch.

January 7, 1951

BEGINNING OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY

Mark 1:1-20

MEMORY TEXT: "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Mark 1:11.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "STRAIGHTWAY."

The present lesson introduces a study of the life of Jesus, drawn entirely from Mark's account of the Lord's earthly ministry.

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No genealogy is given by Mark. Servants do not deal much in genealogies. Christ's distinctive character, as presented in this Gospel, is set forth in Philippians 2:6-8.

But the lowly Servant, who emptied Himself of the "form of God," "and was found in fashion as a man," was nevertheless "the mighty God" (Isaiah 9:6) as Mark declares. Mighty works authenticated His ministry. This Gospel is characteristically a record of deeds, rather than words.

Mark wrote primarily for Gentiles, and there are elements that would appeal to the Roman mind, particularly the emphasis upon action and dispatch—with which the entire record is colored.

The writer used an Arabic term, carried over into the Greek as *eutheos*, which came to us variously translated as "straightway," "immediately," etc. It suggests the tempo of our Lord's ministry, the tremendous driving force which accompanied His deeds, as observed by Mark.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS MARK 1:17.

"Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

The subject of soul winning was prominent in the teachings of Christ, and is uppermost in the orders left to His church. It is reasonable to conclude that He means for present-day disciples to try and "catch men," with the same zeal and devotion as in the early days of the Church.

Because of differences in ability, background and temperament, some may achieve greater visible results than others. But we are individually expected to do our best. If one is entirely fruitless, he should ask a few searching, personal questions regarding his consecration, and sincerity of purpose. The fields are white for the harvest and there is room for all to glean.

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(3) THE KEY FACT: MARK'S GOSPEL CONTAINS PRICELESS INFORMATION FOR THE CHRISTIAN.

Four important phases of Christ's ministry are considered in today's lesson:

(a) His Baptism. The event occurred at a ford on the Jordan river and the rite was administered by the harbinger. The Holy Spirit hovered over the scene.

(b) His Temptation. Matthew and Luke treat this experience at length, whereas Mark, in his usual terse manner, presents only a brief synopsis.

(c) His Ministry. The great Galilean missionary program, reported in Mark 1:14 represents the period when He passed from obscurity to public acclaim.

(d) His Call. Peter, Andrew, John and James were called to full time service. "And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed Him." The Master is still calling for willing workers, to give Him the place of preference in all their affairs.

LESSON NUMBER FIVE

January 14, 1951

THE SERVANT AT WORK

Mark 1:21-35

MEMORY TEXT: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "TAUGHT."

On the desolate western shore of the Sea of Galilee, there is a mound of ruins, deserted save for a few wild animals and birds. This crumbling, sand-blown heap is the site of ancient Capernaum, once a bustling city and center of commercial activity in northern Palestine.

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Jesus lived in a decadent age. He found only corrupt institutions awaiting Him, but use was made of them in order to get a public hearing. Synagogue worship had become polluted by a hypocritical priesthood. But He and the disciples frequently attended Jewish meetings on Sabbath days.

Their presence usually created a commotion. They were regarded as heretics. Once, during a service, the leaders tried to throw the Master over a cliff.

Our Lord always spoke with authority. No scribe dared say, "Come unto me and learn." Where others argued, Christ announced.

The scribes were experts in Talmudic law, but Jesus recognized only the inspired Word. "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Matthew 5:17.

Authority in religion is more than dogma. The latter often represents the view of an individual, a school of thought, or the decree of a council. The authoritative element comes from *knowing* rather than *theorizing*.

We need more authoritative preaching today, resulting from unqualified acceptance of the revealed Word. Preachers should speak, not only from memory, but spiritual experience.

Many modern pulpits give forth negative messages, which destroy faith by bringing the fundamental doctrines of Christianity into question. God works through the positive . . . and never the negative.

Persons who suffered had no trouble gaining an audience with the blessed Saviour. It was the passion of His heart to relieve pain.

Following a visit to the Capernaum synagogue, He went to Peter's home and found the disciple's mother-in-law to be ill with a fever. With no query as to symptoms, but rather instant comprehension of her condition, He restored her health at a touch. Diagnosis, treatment and convalescence were simultaneous.

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Word of His strange new style of teaching in the synagogue, and no doubt the miracle of healing in Peter's home spread through the city. By dusk a myriad of afflicted folk had gathered. Luke notes that He healed them every one. Luke 4:41.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS MARK 1:35.

"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

Jesus had the habit of going alone for prayer. If He felt a need for such times of spiritual refreshment and communion with the Heavenly Father, how much more ought we to cultivate the quiet hour!

In our zeal to serve Christ, we may sometimes find ourselves giving out more than is taken in. Quantity, at those times, takes the place of quality. No Christian can afford to become so busy that he sacrifices Bible study, prayer and regular seasons of quiet devotion.

Far from seeking opportunities for solitary prayer, the trend of our times is to avoid seclusion. There seems a dread of being alone. It may be that solitude induces thought, the last occupation with which some people desire acquaintance. Being with the crowd and doing what it does, saves one the necessity of thinking.

(3) THE KEY FACT: JESUS IS LORD OVER SIN, DISEASE AND DEMONS.

The Saviour recognized sin as the basis of all life's ills. John said that the ultimate purpose of His coming was to take "away the sin of the world."

We read (Mark 1:32) that He cured those who were "diseased and possessed with devils (demons)." He showed Himself to be the Christ triumphant—Lord over sin, disease and demons. "All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all."

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What some newsmen do under the guise of so-called news, an alarming number of authors and publishers do on purpose, viz., to produce corrupt and corrupting literature, and thus accentuate immorality. On almost

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every newsstand there are periodicals which stare decency out of countenance. The comic "mags" have gone so far in poisoning the minds of boys and girls that efforts are being put forth in some quarters to keep them off the stands.

The reading of licentious, immodest, and lascivious material from day to day has a demoralizing effect upon the public, especially the plastic minds of youth. Obscene and sordid details impel to imitation.

We read in the book of Acts that the Word of God prevailed mightily at Ephesus. As Paul preached, the people brought their heathen books together and burned them in public. What a Vesuvian conflagration would be seen today, if God's Word should prevail mightily and follow the precedent set in New Testament times!

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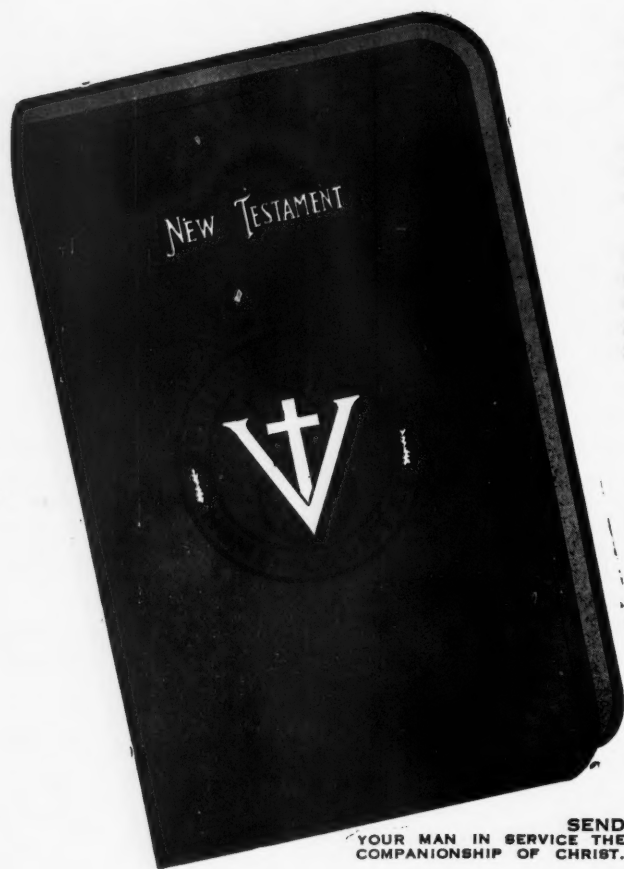
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